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Dear Hank:

Last night's TV newscast carried the exciting news of your new assignment. I was in the kitchen and had Harry Reasoner on the tube. He announced Gen. Walter's resignation and then said the replacement was a career officer named Henry "Noshe"! It didn't register on me at first, but as I gave it a bit of thought I wondered if you were the one. When Walter Cronkite came on an hour later, he had the correct pronunciation.

So I wanted to congratulate you on the appointment but at the same time offer you my sympathy. The job has always been a tough one and I suspect that in the past two or three years it has really been a man-killer. Perhaps, however, now that the Agency's respectability has been restored, the job will be somewhat easier.

If my memory is correct, this is the first time in the Agency's history that the #1 and #2 positions have been held by civilians. All to the good. It is, of course, the first time that a DDI careerist has made it that high up and to me (ever)

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this signifies Mr. Bush's recognition of the importance of the DDI component.

Again, Hank, my congratulations, and if and when you and your family come to Cape Cod, please look me up.

Warmest regards,

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